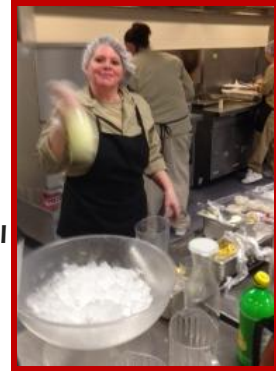


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Weekly Views

The Indiana State Fair came early this year at the Indiana Women's Prison. The Culinary Arts program prepared a full fair menu that included elephant ears, corn on the cob, waffle fries, Italian sausage with green peppers and a lemon shakeup. (photo right, a culinary student preparing a lemon shakeup)



The New Castle Correctional Facility (NCCF) donated \$500 to the Riley Children's Foundation Fund in tribute to Candace Pollitt, an NCCF employee who died in an ATV accident last year.

Two groups representing the University of Notre Dame conducted special programs for the inmates at Westville Correctional Celebration Choir performed for over 200 general population inmates in the facility's auditorium. The second group were professional actors from London on a grant through Notre Dame who presented a workshop and performance of "As You Like It" for minimum security, PLUS and TC Unit offenders.



Commissioner Bruce Lemmon came to Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) bearing special gifts for deserving staff. Commissioner Coins were presented to Accountant Nelda Spears and Maintenance Foremen Leon Stuller and Tim Squire, both expert carpenters. Spears received thanks for her diligence in processing special procurements for Executive Director of Construction Services Kevin Orme. Her efforts put parts needed for major project equipment repairs on the fast track, shortening downtime and saving man hours. Stuller and Mitchell earned their Commissioner Coins for designing and producing two custom, all wood, portable, collapsible podiums for the Office of Governor Mike Pence. The podiums will be used by Governor Pence when he goes on the road for special events. (photo left)

The Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) would like to welcome new Caseworker Elisha Smith. Ms. Smith was previously employed as a Correctional Officer at the Indiana Women's Prison. Everyone at the facility would like to wish Ms. Smith the best as she begins her new duties and responsibilities in Unit Team 3.

Putnamville Correctional Facility and Superintendent Stanley Knight would like to congratulate Sergeant Jackie Walker on his promotion to Lieutenant and Lieutenant Bettina West on her promotion to Captain! They consistently show that they are willing to work hard and commit to above and beyond actions at Putnamville! Congrats!

Staff members from Madison Correctional Facility (MCF) joined MCF Superintendent Jan Davis and Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility Superintendent Tim Greathouse at the 2nd Annual Heroes Campaign Luncheon benefitting the Jefferson County Chapter of the American Red Cross. David Sanderson, a survivor of the Miracle on the Hudson flight, was the keynote speaker. After the luncheon, the facilities donated a total of \$2500 to this worthy cause.

Following a two-day audit conducted by the American Correctional Association (ACA), the Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) was recommended for reaccreditation. A team of independent auditors spent both days at the facility reviewing policies and file documentation, evaluating facility operations and programs, and observing and interviewing staff and residents to make the determination as to whether IREF was in compliance with ACA standards. IREF achieved a score of 100 percent on 33 mandatory standards, and 99 percent on non-mandatory standards. (photo right)



Please join Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) Superintendent Sevier in congratulating the Scarlett Graves, Jason Nero and Tamara Sterling on their promotions to Correctional Caseworker. Scarlett Graves began her career at MCF as a Secretary in April 2012, working for the Training Department. Prior to her employment here, she was a Media Specialist Instructor at Fairlawn Elementary. She has a Bachelor of Liberal Studies Degree with a specialization in Behavioral Sciences from Barry University in Florida. Jason Nero was hired in October 2012 as a correctional officer (CO). He came to MCF after 12 years of experience with the Michigan Department of Correction as a CO, a resident unit officer and a drill instructor. He attended Kellogg Community College. Tamara Sterling was hired at MCF in October 2005 as a correctional officer. She promoted to Sergeant in December 2011. Prior to her employment at MCF she worked at Subway and Sara's Gardens in Florida. She is a graduate of Palm Beach Lakes Community High School.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility staff members Lindsay Pounds, Program Coordinator, and Judy McIntosh, Youth Transition Specialist, participated in a national webinar with the National Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Children and Youth who are Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk (NDTAC). NDTAC serves as a national resource center to provide direct assistance to states, schools, communities and parents seeking information on the education of children and youth who are considered neglected, delinquent or at-risk. Logansport Juvenile is part of the pilot program for the Divisions of Youth Services.

Parole Agent John Hosler from the Indianapolis Parole District was presented with a certificate of completion for the Mental Health Certified Treatment Specialist Program. Mr. Hosler stated, he was very excited about utilizing the program in a parole setting and enjoyed the opportunity to be one of the participants to receive the training.